

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 2 and withdrawn claims 6-22 have been canceled herein. Claims 1 and 23 have been amended herein. New claim 24 has been entered. Claims 1, 5, 23 and 24 are currently pending and under consideration. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please enter these claims as amended.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of treating a patient suffering from chronic heart failure, the method comprising:

producing erythropoietin (EPO) in [[a]] an isolated host cell expressing at least the Early Region 1A (E1A) protein of an adenovirus, wherein said host cell is a cell as deposited under European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures (ECACC) no. 96022940;

preparing a medicament comprising said EPO for the treatment of a patient suffering from chronic heart failure; and

administering said medicament to said patient.

2. through 4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said patient is non-anemic.

6. through 22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A method of treating a subject suffering from chronic heart failure, the method comprising:

administering to the subject erythropoietin (EPO), wherein the EPO has been produced by [[the]] a process comprising:

expressing EPO in [[a]] an isolated host cell that expresses Early Region 1A (E1A) protein of an adenovirus, wherein said host cell is a cell as deposited under European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures (ECACC) no. 96022940

24. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the subject is non-anemic.